

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified patent application. Claims 25-27, 29-58 and 60-79 are currently pending. Claims 25 and 58 have been amended. Claims 1-24 were previously cancelled, and claims 28 and 59 are presently cancelled. Claims 72-79 have been added.

An Information Disclosure Statement and an Electronic Information Disclosure Statement are concurrently filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the art, initial the forms and return the initialed copies. A copy of the Electronic Information Disclosure Statement is included for the convenience of the Examiner.

Claims 25-27, 29-58 and 60-71 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-49 of U.S. Patent No. 6,502,161.

A terminal disclaimer is filed concurrently and therefore the withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 25, 32-58 and 60-71 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested. The Examiner has indicated that claims 46-57 and 63-71 are allowable if the double patenting rejection is overcome by a terminal disclaimer.

Claims 28, 32, 34-43 and 59-62 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and if a terminal disclaimer is filed to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Limitations of allowed claim 28 have been included in independent claim 25. Therefore claim 25 is believed allowable.

Claims 26-27 and 29-31 depend from independent claim 25 and therefore are believed allowable.

Limitations of allowed claim 59 have been included in independent claim 58. Therefore claim 58 is believed allowable.

New claim 72 has been added to include many of the limitations of claim 25 and allowed claim 32. Therefore claim 72 is believed allowable.

New claims 73 and 74 depend from claim 72 and include many of the limitations of claims 26 and 33. Therefore claims 73 and 74 are believed allowable.

New claim 75 depends from claim 72 and includes many of the limitations of claims 36 and 38. Therefore claim 75 is believed allowable.

New independent claim 76 includes many of the limitations of claim 58 and allowed claim 61. Therefore claim 76 is believed allowable.

New claims 77-79 depend from claim 76 and include many of the limitations of allowed claims 59, 60 and 62. Therefore claims 77-79 are believed allowable.

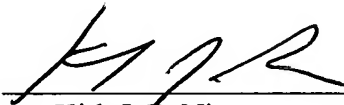
While the applicants' attorney disagrees with the rejections of claims 25-27, 29-31, 33, 44-45 and 58 based on *Van Doren* (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,654) and *Drehmel* (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,469), claims 28 and 59 have been cancelled in order to expedite prosecution. The canceling of claims 28 and 59 as well as amending claims 25 and 58 in order to obtain allowance in no way binds or affects the interpretation, infringement, validity and/or enforceability of any claim(s) or patent(s) resulting from, or relating to this application.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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